

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

MAIL PROCESSING NETWORK RATIONALIZATION  
SERVICE CHANGES, 2011

Docket No. N2012-1

**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION INTERROGATORY  
(APWU/USPS-36)**

The United States Postal Service hereby files an institutional response to the above-identified interrogatory of the American Postal Workers Union, dated April 6, 2012. The interrogatory is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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# INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO APWU INTERROGATORY

**APWU/USPS-36** Provide an explanation about the methodology used to calculate depreciation costs shown in the Vehicle Maintenance Accounting System. Please provide the average age of each type of equipment used in PVS operations.

## RESPONSE:

Depreciation is straight line for all vehicles in the Vehicle Maintenance

Accounting System. The terms vary depending upon the service life of the

model:

96 months (8 years) for minivans, such as Ford Windstar and Chrysler Caravan

120 months (10 years) for administrative vehicles

144 months (12 years) for 1 and 2 ton diesel vehicles

288 months (24 years) for Long Life Vehicles (LLVs) and Flex Fuel Vehicles (FFVs)

The following table shows the average age and year to date depreciation for PVS

vehicles as presented in VMAS. The table assigns vehicles to PVS consistent

with USPS-T-20, R2000-1.

VMAS 'Function Code	Function Code Description	Type	Average Age
BT	BMC Vehicles (Trailers)	M	19
MT	MVS Tractor Trailers	D	7
MT	MVS Tractor Trailers	G	14
MT	MVS Tractor Trailers	M	16
MV	MVS Vehicles	D	8
MV	MVS Vehicles	G	12
MV	MVS Vehicles	M	15
SP	Spotter Tractors	D	6
ST	Non-road use Tractor Trailers	G	42
ST	Non-road use Tractor Trailers	M	24
		<b>Type - Legend</b>	
		G Gas	
		D Diesel	
		M Misc	
		E Electric	